

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds shifting to eastward fair today then becoming showery.

AROUND THE CITY

An Unusual Accident. Miss R. MacNeil, cashier in M. R. A. Ltd., sustained a painful injury Saturday.

Reading At Art Club. The last reading in the regular course of the St. John Art Club will be given by Mrs. G. C. Coster this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Studio on Union street.

Report That M. Coll Has Resigned. The Standard learned last evening from a reliable source that M. Coll, who for the past eight years has been principal of St. John school, has tendered his resignation to the school board.

Towed 1,000,000 Feet of Lumber. With fifteen scows in tow, all laden with sawn lumber from the Alex. Gibson Company's mill at Marystown, the tug Alice R. reached Indian town yesterday afternoon and tied up in the harbor.

Death of James Hatfield. The death of James Hatfield occurred yesterday morning in the Home for the incurables after an illness of nearly four years. Mr. Hatfield was a son of the late Daniel Hatfield, who was for many years harbor master of St. John.

Duty of The Electors. At 9 o'clock mass in the Cathedral yesterday morning His Lordship Bishop Casey in the course of his sermon referred to the coming civic election, and strongly exhorted the congregation to consider well their duties towards the best interest of the city before registering their ballots.

Schr. R. Bowers at Philadelphia. Capt. E. C. Elkin returned on Saturday from Philadelphia where he had gone at the request of the owners of the three masted schooner R. Bowers, which struck on a ledge of rock off the mouth of the Delaware river on April 7th.

St. John River Commission. A. P. Barnhill and John Keefe, of the St. John river commission, returned on Saturday night from Calais where they had been in consultation with the American members of the commission and with engineers as to the possibility of creating storage dams upon the upper St. John and its tributaries.

Currie-McManus. A wedding of interest to a number of West Side folk was solemnized at 5:45 this morning in the church of the Assumption, when Rev. J. J. O'Donovan officiated at the nuptials of William J. Currie and Miss Susie G., daughter of the late Felix McManus, of West Side.

TWO ST. JOHN PASTORS LEAVING FOR EUROPE

Rev. David Lang and Rev. L.A. McLean Granted 3 Months' Absence—Special Meeting of Presbytery.

At a special meeting of the St. John Presbytery held at Norton on Saturday, leave of absence for three months was granted to Rev. David Lang, pastor of St. Andrew's church, and Rev. L. A. MacLean, pastor of Calvin church.

STRIKE SITUATION FULLY EXPLAINED

Stetson, Cutler & Co. Have Two Mills Saving to Fill Orders—Action of Edgermen Precipitated the Trouble.

The strike of the 150 employees of Stetson, Cutler & Co.'s mill at Indian town is apparently no nearer a settlement than it was a week ago today when the men went out.

It is reported that F. C. Beatty, the manager, stated that the mill was ready to start any time the men wanted to come back at the same rate of wages. The company, it is said, are now in a position to withstand a strike as they have made arrangements with Miller Bros., on the Strait Shore, and the Jordan mill, Pleasant Point, to fill orders while the Indian town mill is shut down.

Edgermen Demanded Increase. The strike is said to have been precipitated by the action of the edgermen who are getting \$2 a day. They demanded an increase and the night before the strike took their mill aprons home with them saying they would not return if they were not given some promise of higher wages.

The next morning they were back at work and this caused a feeling of uneasiness among the other classes of workmen, who complained that the edgermen had been unduly favored. Whether this charge was true or not is a matter which remains a secret, but at any rate practically every man went out on strike, and those who remained were turned off by the management.

LETTERGRAMS ARE PROVING POPULAR

New Service is a Boon to Lovers—Husbands Also Find it Useful—Samples of Correspondence.

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My Own Mabel.— At this, as at all times, my thoughts turn to your dear, delicious, delightful self and I am sending you the first lettergram which I ever sent to a girl in my life. Coming Saturday and I will be so glad to see you.

Dear Mary.— This is a lettergram. It is the first that I have sent. They cost 50 cents. I hope you will get it all right. I have the toothache tonight. I hope you and the kiddies are well. I do not expect to be home this week.

JOHN.— "It keeps us humming," said the chief operator when questioned about the popularity of the lettergram last evening. "We intended to lay off a man after Parliament had prorogued, but we have had such a rush that we will not be able to do it. Any spare time the men had formerly is being taken up with the new departure."

and has remained there for twenty years. He has decided that a change will be beneficial and after resting for the summer will accept another pastorate. He will say farewell to the churches in the field on Sunday, May 8th. Rev. James Ross was appointed as moderator of the church until arrangements are made for securing a pastor.

Consideration was given at the meeting to a request that Rev. T. Hunter Boyd should remain at Westport. It was decided to confirm this and Mr. Boyd will give a little more time to the Westport church before leaving for Stanley. Rev. D. Lang, Rev. Gordon Dickie, Rev. N. P. Read, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson and Rev. James Ross went from St. John to attend the Presbytery meeting.

SURE OF DRY DOCK AND SHIPBUILDING PLANT

Legislation To Be Introduced This Week, Says W.L. Foster—St. John Valley R'y Delegation Interviews Laurier.

That a dry dock and ship building and repair plants are assured facts for St. John is the opinion of Walter E. Foster, who returned from Ottawa yesterday, where he went as a member of a delegation to place before Sir Wilfrid Laurier the claims of the St. John Valley Railway.

In discussing the dock project with Chestnut, of Fredericton, president of a Standard reporter yesterday, Foster said that Sir Robert Perks, who is largely interested in the project, has completed his business with the Canadian interests concerned in the project, and is now on his way back to England. The dock legislation under which an increased subsidy is provided is expected to be brought down this week. No definite site for the dock had yet been fixed, as far as he knew, nor had the agreements been signed, but he considered both dock and ship building and repair plants assured for St. John.

In Ottawa Mr. Foster met C. F. J. P. Auld, Director of Woodstock, and on Thursday last they interviewed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. William Pugsley. Sir Wilfrid stated that no legislation would be introduced this session, an agreement to this effect having been made with the Opposition. He promised, however, that he would send a letter to the president of the St. John Valley Railway Company, which would state that the department of railways would be prepared at any time to enter into an agreement for the operation of the road from Grand Falls to St. John on the basis of the original proposal—a 40 per cent. division of the receipts. This would carry a provision that the road would be constructed up to the standard of the G. T. P. as built through New Brunswick.

The delegates were informed that the subsidy would expire this year and Mr. Pugsley promised them it should be renewed at once.

MUCH MYSTERY OVER ASBESTOS COMPANY

Waterbury & Rising 'SPECIAL'—The Satisfying Shoe—Protracted Meetings Held Saturday—H. L. Coombs Declined to Resign—Legal Proceedings Likely.

The announcement in the Standard on Saturday that the Sherbrooke directors of the D'Arrol Asbestos Company were in the city probing the affairs of the company caused considerable discussion, and it was generally expected that further revelations would be made during the day more especially when it became known that the visitors, accompanied by E. P. Raymond, of Hazen & Raymond, who has been retained by the Sherbrooke interests, paid a visit to the police court during the morning.

No definite information, however, regarding the results of the investigation has yet been made public, but it is admitted that some new developments cropped up at the meeting on Saturday of sufficient importance to prevent the Sherbrooke visitors leaving for home on the evening train as they had originally intended.

It is also known that H. Leslie Coombs, one of the St. John directors who was asked to resign, has engaged Daniel Mullin, K. C., as counsel, and it is said intends to fight the Sherbrooke directors. Many rumors regarding the outcome of the investigation were heard on the street Saturday and yesterday and there was a prevailing opinion that the affairs of the company would probably be aired in the course of the investigation.

It is understood that the investigation is the outcome of something more serious than a struggle for control of the company between opposing parties on the directorate. At any rate the legal advisors of the Sherbrooke directors told the Standard that the demand for the resignations of the St. John directors had been made in the interest of the shareholders and Mr. Mullin, counsel for H. L. Coombs, when asked whether there was a fight for control in progress, admitted that his services had been retained for other reasons.

Declared to Resign. At the morning meeting, it is understood, that Mr. Coombs declined to resign, and asked for the privilege of being represented by counsel. No objection was made to this and when the directors got together again Mr. Coombs was represented by Mr. Mullin and the Sherbrooke men by Mr. Raymond. It is not known what was done at the meeting. It was lengthy and Mr. Codere, Mr. Warrel and the two lawyers, Mr. Banks and Mr. Camp missed their train, and it was decided that Messrs. Codere, Banks and Warrel should remain in the city until the investigation had been completed. Messrs. Gagne and LeBranche left on Saturday and Mr. Campbell went out on the Montreal express last evening.

Mr. Codere when seen last evening said he had nothing to say. A new manager would be appointed as soon as possible, but pending the results of the investigation nothing would be done. Asked what business his legal advisors had in the police court, he said that was not the public's business just now.

Ball at Assembly Rooms. As a fitting close of a most successful season for the Chalmers classes, Miss Sherwood has issued some 500 invitations for a grand ball to be held in the York Assembly Rooms, on Monday evening, April 25. The Nickel orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for an extensive and varied programme, and judging from the amount of interest displayed by an efficient committee of Miss Sherwood's pupils, the function should prove an unequalled success.

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